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## **VIA HAND DELIVERY**

Honorable Richard M. Berman United States District Judge **United States Courthouse** 500 Pearl Street New York, New York 10007-1312

Dear Judge Berman:

RICHARD M. BAB hrimm@andersonkal.com July 17, 2007 United States v. Andres Almonte Richard M. Berman.

I am CJA counsel for Andres Almonte in the above captioned matter.

An initial status conference is scheduled before Your Honor for Thursday, July 19, 2007 at 9:30 a.m. I will be out of town on Thursday, and I have been advised that Mr. Paul, counsel for another defendant, will be away as well.

I have spoken with the Court's deputy clerk and have attempted to ascertain the availability of the parties for a conference tomorrow. Unfortunately, of the seven attorneys involved in this case, only five are available tomorrow morning; one is only available tomorrow afternoon, and one has not responded to voicemails.

For these reasons, I ask that Thursday's conference be rescheduled to a date next week when the Court is available.

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Respectfully submitted,

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